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FROM : Amembassy TOKYO

DATE: December 20, 1962

SUBJECT : Consular Convention with Japan

REF : Dept's A-381 of Dec. 6, 1962; Embassy's A-695 of Nov. 16, 1962.

The Foreign Office has informed the Embassy that it desires to have the Consular Convention signed in Tokyo and the exchange of ratifications take place in Washington D.C. During discussions of this matter, a Foreign Office official inquired as to the time generally needed for Executive Branch clearance. He indicated that the Diet might not be able to consider the Convention at its next regular session if it were submitted much after February 1, 1963 as the legislators would probably be busy discussing the Japan/Korean Treaty which he thought would reach the Diet for debate by the middle of March. He also opined that the sooner the Convention comes into force the sooner the tax problems of Japanese consular establishments in New York and San Francisco could be solved.

The Embassy would therefore appreciate any information on the time required for Executive Branch clearance which could be passed to the Foreign Office.

The Foreign Office has also proposed two additional editing changes which are submitted for the Department's consideration. The Embassy has been assured that these are the last editing changes to be proposed.

1. In Article 4 (page 5 of the Embassy's A-695) add "or appointment" between "assignment" and "of" in line 4 of paragraph 1 and "or appointment," between "assignment" and "grant" in line 2 of paragraph 2.

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2. In Article 21, paragraph 3 [page 35 of A-6957, change "sea" to "waters" in line 3.

For the Ambassador:

John K. Emmerson
Minister

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